

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that: Data are not yet available for 1972.

VETERANS' LAND ACT—LOANS FOR ACQUISITION OF HOMES

Question No. 959—**Mr. McKinnon:**

How much money has been advanced to veterans each year (a) in total (b) in rural areas (c) in urban areas for disabled veterans during the past ten years to purchase homes under the Veterans Land Act?

Hon. Daniel J. MacDonald (Minister of Veterans Affairs): (a) 1962-63, \$25,599,191.90; 1963-64, \$29,160,731.25; 1964-65, \$24,783,029.57; 1965-66, \$30,945,406.48; 1966-67, \$52,707,883.71; 1967-68, \$72,862,485.94; 1968-69, \$55,486,534.64; 1969-70, \$70,534,307.82; 1970-71, \$44,520,497.57; 1971-72, \$41,654,388.26; 1972-73 (to 31 Dec. 72), \$32,981,493.19. (b) and (c) It is not possible to provide information respecting money which has been advanced to veterans under the Veterans' Land Act in rural areas or urban areas, as records of loans are not being maintained separately for rural areas or urban areas. Records are not maintained separately for disabled veterans.

NUMBER OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES

Question No. 979—**Mr. Reynolds:**

1. How many people were employed by the government in 1942, 1952, 1962 and 1972?

2. What was the total cost of running the government in 1942, 1952, 1962 and 1972?

Mr. Herb Breau (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Industry, Trade and Commerce): Statistics Canada reports that: Total number of Government of Canada employees as at March 31 and Expenditures for fiscal year ended March 31:

	1. Total number of employees ⁽¹⁾	2. Expenditure (\$'000)
1972	273,537	14,840,865
1962	205,553	5,729,624
1952	131,646	3,980,909
1942	83,781	1,855,066

⁽¹⁾In federal departments and departmental corporations.

REQUEST TO JOIN INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE

Question No. 984—**Mr. Oberle:**

1. Has the government been requested to join the Inter-American Indian Institute and, if so (a) by whom (b) on what date?

2. If such request has been made, what action has been taken in relation to it?

3. Has any employee of the government, its agencies or Crown corporations ever attended any conference meetings or symposia sponsored by the Inter-American Indian Institute over the past six years and, if so (a) who were these persons (b) on what dates and where were such conferences held (c) what were the total costs to

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Canada of their participation including (i) air fares (ii) meals (iii) hotels (iv) salary costs during their period of absence?

Mr. Len Marchand (Parliamentary Secretary to Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development): 1. Yes. (a) Dr. Demetrio Sodi Morales, General Secretary of the Institute; (b) November 24, 1972.

2. A response to the request for Canada to join the Institute is under active consideration by the Government of Canada.

3. Canada sent an observer delegation to the VIIth Inter-American Indian Institute Conference: (a) Mr. W. McKim, Director, Policy, Planning and Communications Branch, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development; Mr. A. R. Gill, Head, Program Monitoring Evaluation Division, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. (b) August 7 to 11, 1972, in Brasilia, Brazil. (c) (i) \$1,634; (ii) \$236.50; (iii) \$429.19; (iv) \$1,200.

RCMP—REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Question No. 992—**Mr. Cossitt:**

Has the Royal Canadian Mounted Police been asked by any employee of the government or by a member of the government or by anyone whatsoever on behalf of the government, for information of any kind whatsoever about individuals who have served as Members of the House of Commons or of the Senate since April 20, 1968 and, if so, how many times have such requests been made?

Hon. Warren Allmand (Solicitor General): It would be extremely difficult, if not impossible, to establish the number of requests that might have been made of the R.C.M.P., by employees of the government or by members of government or by anyone whatsoever on behalf of the government, for information of any kind whatsoever about individuals who have served as Members of the House of Commons or of the Senate since April 20, 1968. It is an established practice, in police records, not to relate the inquiry, in any category of inquiries, to the occupation of the subject and, accordingly, the retrieval of information by the type of employment or occupation of the subject is virtually impossible.

EMPLOYMENT OF HON. LUCIEN CARDIN, P.C.

Question No. 1,012—**Mr. Coates:**

Is the Hon. Lucien Cardin, P.C., employed by the government and, if so (a) in what capacity (b) from what date (c) at what salary?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): The Hon. Lucien Cardin, P.C., is employed by the Government. The other information requested is as follows: (a) currently Assistant Chairman of the Tax Review Board; (b) in his current position, from April 27, 1972; in his previous position as Member of the Immigration Appeal Board from February 25, 1970; (c) as of February 25, 1970, within the range \$20,000-\$25,000; as of January 1, 1971, within the range \$21,000-\$26,500; as of January 1, 1972, within the range \$22,000-\$28,000; as of April 27, 1972, within the range \$28,000-\$35,000.